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REMARKS

Claims 21, 22 and 24 are currently pending and have been allowed. Claims 1-20 are being cancelled.

The Examiner indicated that Figures 1-3 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--. The applicants note that Figures 1-3 were revised to include "Prior Art" legends in the amendment filed on September 11, 2003. Enclosed are courtesy copies of amended Figures 1-3 for the Examiner's convenience.

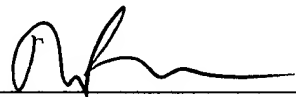
The applicants appreciate the indication that the drawing correction filed on May 5, 2003 was approved. However, the applicants do not understand the indication that a proper drawing correction or corrected drawings are required to reply to the Office Action. The amendment filed on May 5, 2003 included a new Figure 5 in formal format. No further action is believed necessary with regard to the drawings.

Claims 1-8 and 13-20 were rejected for various reasons. These claims are all being canceled, leaving only allowed claims 21, 22, and 24. Accordingly, the application is believed to be in condition for allowed.

Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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